

financial problems due to large outstandings from customers. Besides the company is having a lean order book position mainly because of resource crunch with the major customers.

(c) Capacity utilisation of BHEL units at Tiruchy, Hardwar, Ranipet, Bhopal & Hyderabad is likely to be seriously affected due to huge outstandings and paucity of orders.

(d) BHEL is taking the following steps to improve the situation:—

- (i) Making vigorous efforts to realise its dues from customers;
- (ii) Increase in exports (deemed and physical);
- (iii) Formulating bids to customers with consortium arrangements to tide over the paucity of orders.
- (iv) Diversification into new areas of business.

Industrial Development

3679. SHRI SURENDRAPAL PATHAK: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a special working group to chalk out strategy for the speedy industrial development of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Amendment to the Industrial Disputes Act—1947

3681. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Industrial Disputes Act 1947 to quicken the process of sick industrial units in the country exempting them from obtaining prior permission from State Government and giving notification to the workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government also propose to bar the raising of industrial disputes in respect of sick units; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Implementation of D. W. C. R. A.

3682. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI M. V. V. S. MURTHY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the places in the country where Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas Programme has since been implemented, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocation made therefor